

*In memory of the 21 Guard members who died  
when their C-23 transport plane crashed  
March 3, 2001, near Macon, Georgia.*



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*...Some Gave All*

*We always seek a reason why  
A loved one has to go.  
We search for answers desperately  
But still we cannot know.*

*And Charging Charlie seeks to find,  
Among the pain and tears,  
Why God could take these Horsemen  
So early in their years.*

*Perhaps God needs to bridge the stars  
Or light some darkened day;  
Or build a framework out of steel  
To brace the Milky Way.*

*Or does He need a pipeline  
Taking water to the sun?  
He's got the Horsemen with Him now;  
That job would soon be done.*

*Poor Charging Charlie's sadder now,  
His stable's not as full.  
And other Horsemen grieve and weep,  
But deployments they will pull.*

*Those Horsemen are still with us.  
They'll be on every tour  
To watch and guide and help us out,  
On that you can be sure.*

*SMSgt Gary Rhoads,  
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